

# 16 AMERICANS ARE SHOT IN MEXICO

## ACCEPT FALL OF ITALIANS' FORT AS TRUE

Report of Austrian Capture  
of Mount Lovcen Gen-  
erally Believed.

## VICTORY UNCONFIRMED

Allies Are Silent on Loss of  
Stronghold as Given  
Out by Vienna.

London, Jan. 12.—Announcement of the occupation of Mount Lovcen in Montenegro, although not confirmed from entente sources, is generally accepted here as true. Uneasiness which is freely expressed in Italy is reflected in the English and French newspapers. The loss of Lovcen, from the point of view of the allies, is serious owing to the fact that its summit dominates Cattaro Bay, the Austrian naval base. Before Italy entered the war the French had established a number of guns which could have swept the bay. Austria, by seizing it, forestalls this danger and is in a commanding position with regard to Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, which is a little over six miles distant.

### Summit All Obstacles.

The Austrian advance, considering the distance to be covered, was much slower than that made in the Teuton conquest of Serbia, but, in consideration of the formidable obstacles which the mountainous character of the country presents, it is conceded that the invaders are making steady progress.

The question is being anxiously raised as to why the entente allies did not long ago send aid to the Montenegrins, and in particular why Italy, which is more acutely affected by this Austrian invasion, had not taken preventive measures. The Austrians are now only 10 miles from the capital of Montenegro, and a successful blow to the heart of the country may have the effect, it is said, by military critics, of isolating the troops who are defending the northeastern frontier.

### Germans Holding Gain.

In Champagne the Germans hold a slight gain, made as a result of determined offensive of last Saturday and Sunday. The French military authorities say that the German forces which delivered the attack lost heavily, as with three divisions, they advanced in face of the French artillery fire which took terrible toll.

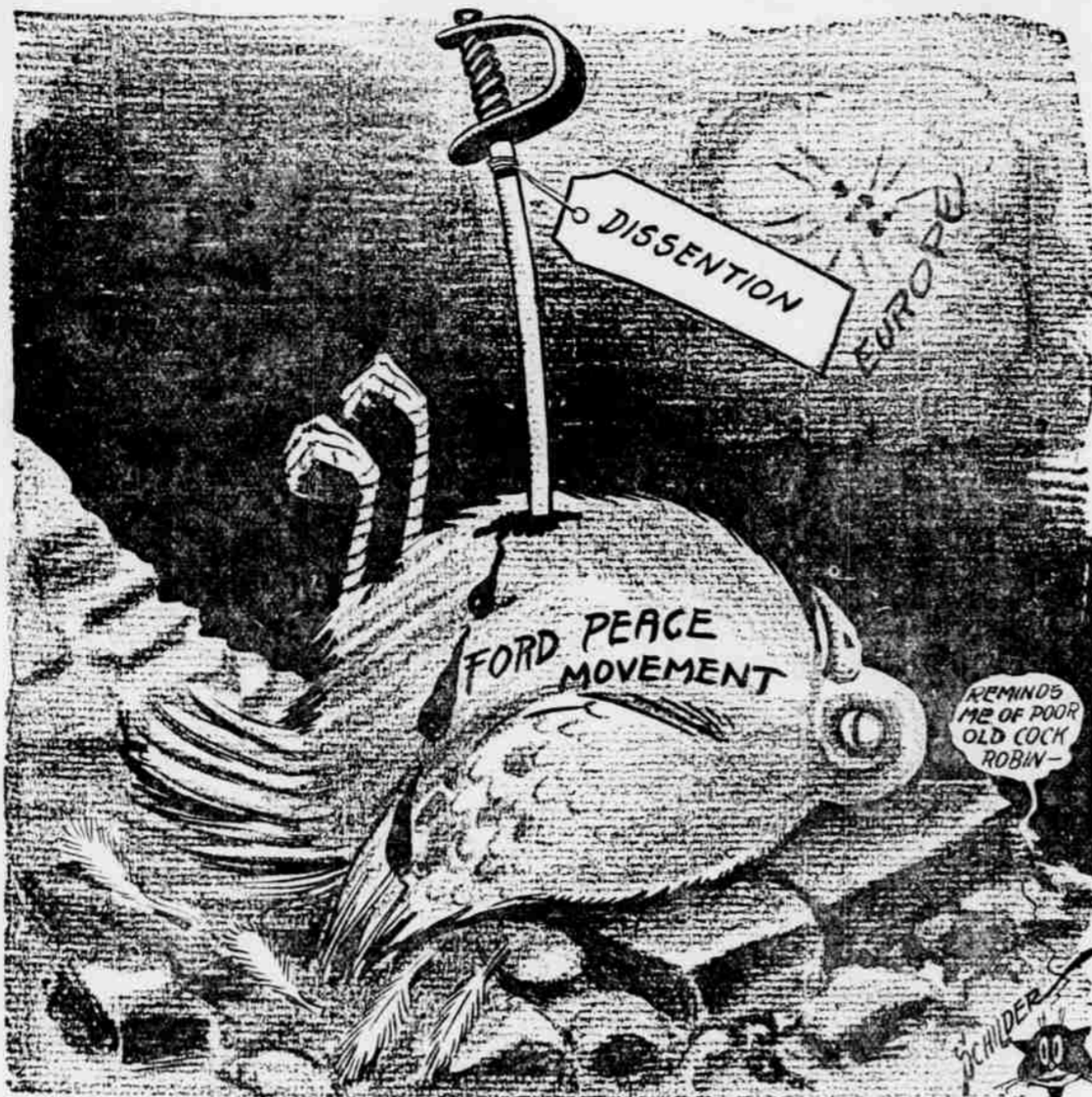
From the eastern front it is reported that a comparative lull at present prevails. Special dispatches affirm that the Russians have been so successful in consolidating their new positions that the Austro-Germans have begun to remove supplies from the bases which they had established in preparation for the advance which they intended to make in the coming spring.

## No Grounds for Scandal of Fire Bugs

Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 12.—Fire Chief Sloan, the mayor and city commissioners of Ottumwa deny that the state fire marshal was called to this city to investigate the \$400,000 fire of Tuesday morning and assert that there is no ground for the rumor of incendiarism. The officials brand the story of fire bugs as sensational and unwarranted by facts and state that the starting of small fires in the rear of two business houses some distance from the scene of the big blaze was due to sparks.

## INSANE WOMAN VISITS CAPITAL

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Emma Jensen, 49 years old, Minneapolis, Minn., created a scene last night at the private entrance of the White house by her hysterical crying. She was stopped at the door by a policeman and sent to the Washington asylum hospital for mental observation. It was several hours before she could recall her name and address. She told attending nurses she came all the way to Washington to get the president to relieve a mysterious mental oppression from which she had greatly suffered.



—PEACE ALSO HATH HER TRAGEDIES—

## BACK TO WORK AT INCREASED WAGE

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 12.—Granted a wage increase of 10 per cent, thousands of workers returned to work today at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, thus ending a strike which resulted in one death and injury to more than a hundred in the rioting of last week.

Part of the national guard still on strike duty will be released today, it is expected.

The strike at the Republic Iron and Steel company, mediators said, probably will be settled before night.

## TURK OFFICIALS ARREST FRENCH

Athens, Jan. 11. (Delayed).—The American ambassador at Constantinople, Henry Morgenthau, has advised the American legation here of the arrest of eight Frenchmen at Constantinople as reprisal for the arrest by the entente allies of the consuls of the Teutonic allies at Saloniki.

The German minister at Athens has informed American Minister Droppers that Germany does not agree to the American consulate at Saloniki being charged with German interests there on the ground that Saloniki is Greek territory and Greeks must protect foreigners and foreign interests. John E. Kehl, American consul at Saloniki has been instructed accordingly.

## IDEAL OF NOVELIST TO BE PROVEN REAL

New York, Jan. 12.—The "raven-haired dream boy" who figures in the novels of Mrs. Rena Cary Sheffield is going to be drawn into the limelight and identified, if possible, Attorney Lane, for Justice Sheffield, declared when trial of the divorce proceedings was resumed today.

Lane will subpoena the manuscripts of Mrs. Sheffield's books. These, he said, would show that the "dream boy" exists in real life.

There was a lively scene yesterday when Sheffield on cross-examination was asked if he thought his wife's conversation with Charles Samuels "immoral."

"You don't dare answer that question," shouted Mrs. Sheffield, brandishing her handbag.

The court ordered her to keep silent.

## MAN BADLY BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Illinois City, Jan. 12.—Orrie Taylor, residing near here, is slowly recovering from burns received when a 10-gallon can of gasoline exploded, burning him quite seriously and destroying the building in which he was working.

Mr. Taylor was preparing to bathe, and had a hot fire in a room in which a 10-gallon can of gasoline was located. The gasoline was ignited and exploded, seriously burning Mr. Taylor and completely destroying the scale house in which the accident happened. Dr. Bendel was called and attended the man's injuries.

## JUNCTION WITH REPUBLICANS IS BULLMOOSEHOPE

Chicago, Jan. 12.—In a message to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt the committee greets him as "the first American and foremost statesman of the world," commends his efforts in the cause of national preparedness, and concludes:

"The time is at hand when it must no longer be said that anyone can kill an American citizen with impunity and then haggle over the value of his life."

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Most of the members of the Progressive national committee left for their homes today after deciding last night to hold the national convention in Chicago on June 7, concurrently with the republican national convention.

After the completion of the work of the committee, many of the leaders expressed the opinion that the way had been opened for a common leadership of the progressive and republican parties.

The next progressive gathering will be held in New York city probably within two weeks, when the executive committee of the national committee will assemble for the purpose of preparing a call and beginning preparations for the convention.

In the declaration of principle which was adopted without a dissenting vote, the belief was expressed that the surest way to secure for the country a suitable leader, will be "by having both progressive and republican parties choose the same standard bearer and the same principles." Continuing the declaration of principles says "if the republican convention is responsive to the patriotic spirit that brought the republican party into being and that made it dominant for half a century; if it meet this crisis in the spirit of broad patriotism that rises above partisanship, the effort for a common leadership will be successful."

Addressing the conference of party leaders, George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee, said: "We are all hoping that both parties will agree on somebody and the candidate need not necessarily be Colonel Roosevelt."

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight with a severe cold wave, with the lowest temperature about 15 degrees below zero. Strong northwest winds. Thursday, fair and colder.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 32. Highest yesterday, 26; lowest last night, 26.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., one mile per hour.

Precipitation, .78 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 92; at 7 a. m., 100; at 1 p. m. today, 82.

Stage of water, 10.4, a rise of 1.2 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## PALACE OF SIN IS CLOSED FOR YEAR

Diamond Nell Clark's Notorious Resort in Kankakee Is Put Out of Business.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 12.—The bid went down on vice with a bang here yesterday that made the whole city sit up and take notice. Last reports had the sheriff of the county and his deputies sitting on it to make sure that it isn't pried loose.

The sheriff's attention was concentrated particularly on the costly vice palace owned and operated by "Diamond Nell" Clark.

Armed with a writ of eviction, the sheriff early in the day pounced down on the notorious resort and sent the inmates scurrying to the street. He then took possession of the keys to the place, which had been impounded by the court for a year.

He acted under instruction of the court, which yesterday convicted the Clark woman of conducting a disorderly place. Besides being forced out of business she was assessed a fine of \$100.

Reformers, mothers and wives heralded the news with joy. For years they had fought to close up the Clark resort, but without the slightest success. Powerful influences brought to bear by the owner intervened and frustrated their attempts.

The resort was nationally notorious and was regarded by the sporting element as one of the show places of the city. More than one scandal had its inception within its doors.

Despite the many complaints that had been registered against it, the lights were never dimmed. It survived through a dozen or more reform waves through the many years of its existence. It was often charged that the owner paid for police protection.

Less than a year ago it was the scene of a daring bandit raid, when five armed men held up the Clark woman and her maid, escaping with the resort-keeper's \$50,000 collection of jewels. Several of the robbers were captured later and part of their loot recovered. The notoriety given the place at that time is believed to have resulted in the campaign which came to a climax yesterday.

## HARVARD GIVEN A SCHOLAR FUND

Boston, Mass., Jan. 12.—In order to assist aspiring youths by the name of Murphy to acquire an education, William H. Murphy, a Harvard graduate and for many years a member of the custom house force here, will fund Harvard university \$40,000, which is to be held as a fund to assist deserving namesakes.

If a sufficient number of Murphys do not request the aid of Harvard, advertisements are to be inserted in the New York and Boston papers.

Mr. Murphy, who had been enjoying good health, was found dead last Friday in his rooms on Pinckney street in the Back Bay section.

## CITIZENS OF U.S. LINED UP AND KILLED

Revised List Shows Total of  
18 Unaccounted for—  
One a Canadian.

## ACTION IS DEMANDED

News of Massacre Is Forwarded to President—  
Request Satisfaction.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 12.—Thomas R. Holmes, the only American to escape the massacre arrived here today. He declared that the train was halted at 2 p. m. by a band of bandits which he estimated at about 200.

After the Americans were taken off and lined up alongside the track, they were ordered to disrobe. Realizing what was about to occur, he said, he made a break for liberty with C. R. Watson, Tom Evans and Macchabon.

They were pursued by about fifteen bandits who shot all his companions but missed Holmes. Holmes said Watson's head was blown off and that after the bodies were brought to Chihuahua City it was found they had been riddled with bullets and otherwise mutilated.

Holmes declared he did not know who led the bandits.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary Lansing today telegraphed General Carranza calling for the prompt punishment of the bandits who executed 16 Americans near Chihuahua Monday. Through Eliaso Arredondo, the newly appointed Mexican ambassador here, it was arranged to bring the bodies from Chihuahua to Juarez today on a special train.

Secretary Lansing's only announcement on the case was that the United States would look to General Carranza "for satisfaction." The question of what steps the United States will take depends upon developments of the facts.

As soon as the senate assembled Senator Sherman, republican, introduced a resolution proposing intervention in Mexico by the United States and the six Pan-American nations which have acted with it in Mexican affairs, unless General Carranza complies with a demand to protect foreign lives and property.

Secretary Lansing issued a statement in which he said the state department "feels that it took every possible precaution to prevent Americans from exposing their lives in a region where guerrilla warfare is in progress" and that "it is to be deplored that its advice was not followed."

"Every step will be taken to see that the perpetrators of this dastardly crime are apprehended and punished," he said.

### Official Count Sixteen.

Official dispatches from Chihuahua, Mexico, to the state department today say the bodies of the 16 Americans shot by Villa bandits arrived at that city last night. Customs Collector Cobb at El Paso today reported that his investigation seems to establish that 16 were killed. The state department did not divulge the sources of Collector Cobb's information, but they believe his report is accurate.

### Lansing Issues Statement.

Secretary Lansing's statement follows:

"In October the department sent the strongest kind of instructions to the

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## ENGLAND UNDECIDED UPON SERVICE BILL

London, Jan. 12, 3:40 p. m.—Whether the second reading of the military service bill would be carried by general assent or the handful of members still standing by the anti-compulsion cause would insist upon forcing a division, was the only point left unsettled when the house of commons assembled this afternoon to conclude debate on the measure.

## PNEUMONIA CLAIMS MRS. DUNNE'S FATHER

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Edward F. Kelly, father of Mrs. Edward F. Dunne, Governor Dunne's wife, died today of pneumonia.

The funeral will be held tomorrow. Governor and Mrs. Dunne were expected to arrive this afternoon.

## Explosion is Fifth Within Last 2 Days

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 12.—The fifth explosion in two days at the Du Pont powder plant in this vicinity occurred early today in the yards of the company on the outskirts of this city. A small mill blew up and beyond destroying the building and about a ton of powder, no damage was done.

Last Saturday night there was a blast at Carney's Point which killed three men.

The DuPont company does not appear to have any suspicion of unnatural causes of the explosions. It attributes them to unavoidable accidents.

## DOZEN ZEPPELIN RAIDS ON LONDON BALKED IN MONTH

New York, Jan. 12.—Twelve attempted raids on London by Zeppelins during December were repulsed by the British chiefly through large fleets of aeroplanes. Three of the German aircraft were destroyed or captured, according to Dr. W. H. Vincent of the colonial medical corps, who arrived today on the American liner Philadelphia.

"The reason why Zeppelins have not been able to bombard London or its suburbs since Oct. 14 last," Dr. Vincent said, "is because the British have established an efficient defense against the German air raiders. During December there were 12 attempts by Zeppelins to reach London. From two to four Zeppelins participated in each attempt. But in no case were the German dirigibles able to reach even the outskirts of London."

## TO ISSUE BONDS FOR NEW SCHOOL

Ottumwa, Ia., Jan. 12.—The school board plans to issue bonds for \$125,000 to build an addition to the high school to meet the crowded condition of the building. When erected the school had an enrollment of 270 and next semester 700 will attend. A gymnasium and auditorium are contemplated in the improvement planned. The bonds will be submitted at an election soon.

## ILLEGITIMATE SON PROCLAIMED KING

London, Jan. 12.—The Rome correspondent of the Star says that the illegitimate son of the late King Milan of Serbia has been proclaimed king of Serbia at Belgrade by the Austrian and German authorities.

The only available record of irregular offspring of King Milan is a cable dispatch of two years ago concerning Milenko Christich Reichovich, described as an illegitimate son of Milan who was said to have become involved in financial difficulties in Bohemia.

## Latest Bulletins

Berlin, Jan. 12.—An ammunition depot in southern section of Lille, northern France has been blown up. An official announcement says that 70 persons were killed and 40 injured. Considerable damage to property was done.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—William Lifson of Elizabeth, N. J., a member of the freshman class at the University of Pennsylvania, died from injuries received in the annual bowl fight today between freshmen and sophomores.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 12.—While Warden McClaughey of the state reformatory at Anamosa was telephoning an account of a mutiny among the prisoners, he was attacked today by a guard said to have been driven temporarily insane by the disturbance. The guard was overpowered.

Berlin, Jan. 12. (via London, 3:15 p. m.)—The failure of a French attack on German positions north of Lensensil in the Champagne along a front of about 1,000 yards was announced by the war office today.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 12.—General Victoriano Huerta, his former purchasing agent, Jose B. Roemer, and 19 others were indicted today by a federal grand jury for conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws.

## SLEET STORM SWEEP OVER MIDDLE WEST

Western Mississippi Valley  
in Throes of Severest  
Storm of the Winter.

## HEADED TOWARD COAST

Rain and Snow With Very  
Low Temperature Trav-  
eling Easterly Path.

Brand-on, Man., Jan. 12.—Sixteen were killed and 40 injured in a collision between a snow clearing train and a heavily laden stock train one mile east of Brandon today. The victims are chiefly foremen employed in the snow clearing gang.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The most extensive and severest storm of the winter is raging today west of the Mississippi river and is moving eastward. Temperatures this morning ranged from 58 degrees below zero in the Canadian northwest to zero in the Texas panhandle, and in southern states and northern Arizona it was from 10 to 16 degrees below. The storm has advanced from the Pacific coast and today was central in the middle Mississippi valley. It was causing snow and rain generally throughout the country eastward of the Mississippi. Temperatures were about normally high, ranging from 15 to 23 degrees above the seasonal average, but these districts are expected to feel the effect of the storm later in the week.

Snow and rain are predicted for tonight and Thursday, as the storm moves northeastward, and a cold wave, the weather bureau says, may be expected throughout the upper lake region, the lower Ohio valley and the lower Mississippi valley tonight and Thursday.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—One man is dead and half a score of minor accidents were reported as the result of a snow and sleet storm which struck Chicago and vicinity last night and continued early today.

August Schultz, an ice man, sustained fatal injuries when he slipped and fell while carrying a 200-pound cake of ice. Other accidents also were due to the slippery, sleet-crusted sidewalks.

Telegraph and telephone companies reported their service had been hampered by the storm. The sleet turned to rain early in the day.

Train Service Hampered.  
Snow, rain and sleet over the middle west, centering over southeastern Iowa, northern Missouri and Illinois, but extending in all directions, caused much delay in train service today and hampered telegraph and telephone companies.

Many of the telegraph and telephone lines to the west were down and throughout Illinois, Iowa and Missouri much trouble was reported.

Temperature 5 to 10 degrees below zero was predicted for the Chicago district tonight.

### Town Is Flooded.

Weston, W. Va., Jan. 12.—With flood waters from the west fork of the Monongahela river six feet deep in the principal streets, and the river rising six inches an hour, flood conditions here today took on a serious aspect. One man was drowned and scores of families have moved to higher ground.

The electric light plant is flooded and the waterworks is closed. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad ceased to operate.

East Weston, a suburb, with 8,000 population, suffered severely, the occupants of entire blocks being compelled to move.

## COMMITTEE WORK HOLDS ATTENTION

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.—Committee work on the several dozen primary, election and foot and mouth appropriations today held the attention of members of the legislature who answered Governor Dunne's call for a second special session.

Tentative agreements were reached whereby all bills will be acted upon by the senate first and then sent to the house. If the program is carried through, but little definite action will be taken by the lower house this week. Unless the members get into a political fight over the primary and election bills, it is generally believed that the special session can complete its work and adjourn sine die by the latter part of next week.